

**AGENDA  
STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA  
BOARD COMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATIONS & BAR RELATIONS  
CLOSED SESSION**

Friday, December 3, 2004  
1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

The State Bar of California  
180 Howard Street  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Board Room A/B/C  
San Francisco, CA 94105  
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**I. CONSENT \***

**A. COMBAR Subcommittee on Volunteer Involvement, Appointments Action \*\*\***  
(David Marcus) [materials distributed w/BOG and VIC Subcommittee closed agendas]

1. Client Security Fund Commission, Interim Appointment of Public Member (DEC 6011)
2. Estate Planning, Trust and Probate Law Advisory Commission, Interim Appointment of Member (DEC 6012)
3. Legal Services Trust Fund Commission, Interim Appointment of Member (DEC 6013)
4. LAP Oversight Committee, Annual Appointment of Member (DEC 6014)
5. Fee Arbitration Panel, Annual Reappointment of Arbitrators and Appointment of New Arbitrators (DEC 6015)
6. Legal Services of Northern California (LSNC), Annual Reappointment of Member to Board of Directors (DEC 6016)
7. Commission on Judicial Nominees Evaluation (JNE), Interim Reappointment of Member (DEC 6020)

**II. ACTION ITEMS/DISCUSSION ITEMS \***

**III. ADVICE OF COUNSEL PERTAINING TO MATTERS FROM THE OPEN AGENDA\*\*\***

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**I. CO-CHAIRS' REPORT**

**II. ACTION ITEMS**

- A. Immediate Action Items\* (DEC 152) (Anthony Williams, Larry Doyle)
- B. Legislative Proposals of State Bar Sections and Committees – Proposed Consideration (Attachments distributed with BOG Agenda)\* (DEC 153) (Larry Doyle) [pp. 1-8]
- C. Commission on Judicial Nominees Evaluation – Proposal for Emergency Interim Amendment to Rule VI §1 (Increase membership to 38; allow past commissioners to sit on assignment as commissioners pro tempore)\* (DEC 154) (Biljana Sivanov) [pp. 9-16]
- D. Proposal to Establish Guidelines for the Appointment of Out-of-State Members to State Bar Committees – Return from Public Comment✦ (Robert Hawley) [pp. 17-30]
- E. Online Survey Regarding Challenges Faced by Legal Professionals with Disabilities in Practice – Proposed Report and Recommendations following Public Comment Period\* (DEC 155) (Lorraine Woodward, Chair – Committee on Legal Persons with Disabilities, Patricia Lee) [pp. 31- 100]
- F. Access & Fairness Online Survey Regarding Challenges to the Practice of Law – Proposed Request to Conduct Survey\* (DEC 156) (Patricia Lee) [pp. 101-104]

**\*On Board of Governors agenda for December 4, 2004.**

**✧Note: VIC Subcommittee will begin at 1:15 p.m. and all COMBAR members are invited to participate; the full COMBAR meeting will begin immediately following.**

**✦The related agenda item concerning appointment of inactive members is on the full Board of Governors agenda as DEC 157, which was considered and recommended by the Board Committee on Volunteer Involvement, September 10, 2004.**

### **III. INFORMATION & DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- A. Board Committee Activities for the Year - discussion (David Marcus, John Snetsinger)
- B. Discussion Re January Planning Session (David Marcus, John Snetsinger)
- C. Appointment Process for 2005 (Karen Hagelund)
- D. Elimination of Bias/Bar Relations Outreach Fund: Status Report (Patricia Lee) [pp. 105-130]
- E. Year-End Work Plan Assessment (Mary Viviano) [pp. 131-136]
- F. Consideration of Judicial Council Budget Issues (Mary Viviano, Anthony Williams) [pp. 137-160]

### **IV. UPDATES FROM STAFF ON DEVELOPMENTS RELEVANT TO COMBAR**

- A. Report from the Office of Governmental Affairs\* (DEC 151) (Anthony Williams, Larry Doyle)
- B. Report on Legal Services Outreach (Mary Viviano)
- C. Report from the Office of Media & Information Services (Dean Kinley)
- D. Informational Report on the 2004 Bar Leaders' Conference & Planning for 2005; Report on Bar Relations Outreach (Carol Madeja) [pp. 161-169]
- E. Report on Appointments Office (Karen Hagelund)

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